

Appl. No. 10/753,337

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants note the indication of allowable subject matter in section 2 of the Detailed Action.

In the above amendment, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the previous claim 6 from which it formerly depended, and claim 6 has been cancelled. Claim 9 is unchanged because it depends from claim 7. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 7 and 9 are now allowable, as well as allowed claims 2-5, 8, and 10-27.

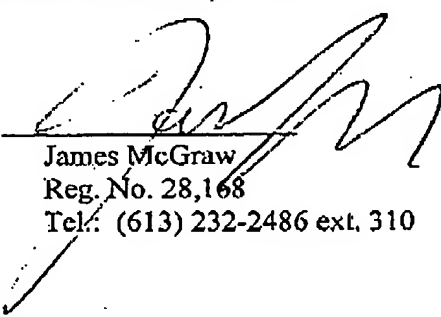
Accordingly, it is believed not necessary to discuss in detail Matsui et al., applied in Section 1 of the Detailed Action, or the other prior art of record in this application.

As this application is now believed to be properly allowable, the Applicant respectfully requests issue of a timely Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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